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The information disclosure statement filed January 16, 2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. Applicant did not request that the \$180.00 fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), box 4 of the applicant's form.

It is noted that applicant indicated in Box 3 and 3a that the IDS was filed before the mailing date of any of a final action, a notice of allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution. This however it not the case. On July 25, 2001, a final rejection was mailed and on January 10, 2002, an advisory action was mailed. Therefore, the prosecution was close nearly six months prior to the submission of this IDS.

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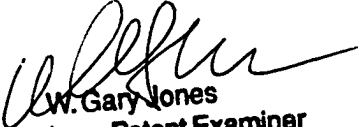
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